

# NEWS

## From the County of San Bernardino



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### RE-ENTRY PHASE IV

The mandatory evacuations for Lake Gregory and the portion of Crestline west of State Highway 189 at North Road and extending along State Highway 189 to State Highway 18 at Lake Gregory Drive, will be reduced to a voluntary evacuation on Sunday, November 2, 2003 at 12 p.m. Access is for residents only. **Residents must have a pass issued to them from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to enter these communities.** Proof of residence, such as a Driver's license and/or utility bill, will be required to receive a resident-only pass. These passes can be obtained at:

- San Bernardino International Airport, Evacuation Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at Del Rosa Drive, San Bernardino
- Fire Emergency Local Assistance Center (also at the airport), 105 N. Leland Norton Way, San Bernardino
- Wildwood Park, Waterman Avenue at 40<sup>th</sup> Street, San Bernardino
- Hesperia Lake Park, Arrowhead Lake Road south of Ranchero Street
- Highway 138, north of Highway 173, Silverwood Lake area
- Hesperia High School, 9898 Maple Ave, Hesperia **(Closed at 2 pm)**
- Sultana High School, 17311 Sultana Avenue, Hesperia **(Closed at 2 pm)**

Due to the possibility of heavy traffic congestion, fire officials are advising the public not to bring trailers, motor homes, and other high profile vehicles into these areas on Sunday. Access to these communities will be allowed on State Highway 138 from Interstate 15 or State Highway 173 near Silverwood Lake. State Highway 173 remains closed to the Lake Arrowhead communities as those communities are still under mandatory evacuation. **No access will be allowed on State Highway 18 through San Bernardino or through the Big Bear area.**

There will be no fuel station services available in these areas. Residents need to ensure that their vehicles are full with fuel before returning home, especially as winter conditions are expected in the mountain communities. Grocery services will be unavailable or extremely limited, so residents will need to provide their own food when returning to the mountains.

Residents returning to their homes should be prepared to have no utilities. As power is restored to the substations, residents can expect to have intermittent power. Currently, sanitation services are working, but could go down as work is conducted on utilities. It is recommended that all residents take flashlights, portable radios, batteries, food storage containers, and drinking water with them to their houses. Do not use candles or other sources of open flame for light or heat due to the inherent fire danger associated with these items. Charcoal barbeques are not to be used as a heat source due to the lethal amounts of carbon monoxide that can build up inside a home. Each resident needs to be prepared for winter driving conditions, so have snow chains, blankets, and water inside each vehicle.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, Dennis Hansberger, has issued Fire Emergency Regulation Number 3 which states that persons who enter any area that they are not issued a pass for can be cited, arrested, fined and/or sentenced to a jail term. This also applies to the transfer of a pass to a non-resident as well as counterfeit passes.

When returning to your home, check all utilities for leaks and report them to your utility company. For information regarding the proper disposal of food in your refrigerator/freezer contact San Bernardino County Health at (909) 387-4608. Food disposal bins will be located at:

- Mountain Disposal Yard, 988 Old Waterman Canyon Road, Crestline
- Valley of Enchantment Elementary School, 22836 Fir Lane, Valley of Enchantment
- South Shore Lake Gregory parking lot at Lake Gregory Drive and San Moritz
- Lake Gregory Elementary School, 24689 San Moritz, Lake Gregory

The mountain communities are still experiencing some mild fire activity. Weather forecasts have changed and there are no expected Santa Ana wind conditions for next week.

The areas of Twin Peaks, Blue Jay, Rim Forest, Sky Forest, Lake Arrowhead, Cedar Glen, Running Springs, Arrowbear, and Green Valley remain under mandatory evacuation. For those communities still under evacuation there are a number of unsafe conditions that are being addressed. This includes downed power lines, unsafe roads due to debris and guardrails that are out. Utility companies, Cal Trans, County Roads, and other agencies are working to ensure that these areas are free of any life safety issues. State Highway 18 and State Highway 138 have experienced damage from the fire and crews are working to provide safe access. Remember when returning to your communities to drive at safe speeds as firefighters and utility crews are still working in the area. Road crews are also in the area repairing highways and county roads.

For further information, contact the Joint Information Center at (909) 381-3151 or [www.calmast.org](http://www.calmast.org) or [www.sbcounty.org](http://www.sbcounty.org).

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